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TAGS: CDES, UK (MARCKWARDT, ALBERT H)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF MARCKWARDT

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1. DUTY OFFICER CONTACTED MRS. MARCKWARDT AT HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING NOTIFIED OF MR. MARCKWARDT'S DEATH SHORTLY AFTER 7 P.M. AS MRS. MARCKWARDT WAS IN TERRIBLY DISTRAUGHT STATE DO DECIDED, HUMANELY ENOUGH, THAT IT WAS HARDLY THE TIME TO DISCUSS COSTS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPMENT OF THE BODY, PARTICULARLY WHEN, IN FACT, NOTHING USEFUL COULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AT THAT HOUR. DO EXPLAINED THAT EMBASSY WOULD ASSIST WITH NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS EARLY FOLLOWING MORNING AND MADE GENUINE EFFORT TO CONSOLE MRS. MARCKWARDT WHO WAS UNDERSTANDABLY BESIDE HERSELF WITH GRIEF. WHILE MRS. MARCKWARDT INDICATED THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD EMBASSY'S LIMITATIONS REGARDING ASSISTANCE SHE, UNFORTUNATELY, FAILED TO CONVEY THAT IMPRESSION IN SUBSEQUENT TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH HER SISTER.

2. FAMILY MAY BE ASSURED THAT EMBASSY IS DOING ALL THAT IT PROPERLY CAN TO ASSIST MRS. MARCKWARDT AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

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